

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3016
ANSWERED ON:07.12.2000
VIEWS OF ARMY CHIEF .
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan has been reportedly thinking to weaken India by taking advantage of our internal differences and corruption as expressed by Army Chief and published in 'Dainik Jagran' dated August 27, 2000; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to set the matter right?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Government is aware of the fact that Pakistan has been sponsoring various outfits engaged in anti-India activities and providing protection to them.

(b) Government will take all measures considered necessary to safeguard our national interest.